

STAFF SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 22-23, 2018

28. DEPARTMENT INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (WILDLIFE AND INLAND FISHERIES)**Today's Item**Information Action

This is a standing agenda item to receive and discuss informational updates from DFW that are wildlife and inland fisheries in nature:

- (A) Director's report
- (B) Wildlife and Fisheries Division, and Ecosystem Conservation Division

Summary of Previous/Future Actions (N/A)**Background**

Verbal reports are expected at the meeting for items (A) and (B).

- (A) As part of his report, Director Bonham is expected to provide an update on tricolored blackbird population estimates and progress with safe harbor agreements
- (B) At FGC's Apr 19-20, 2018 meeting, DFW Deputy Director Stafford Lehr provided an introduction to nutria eradication efforts, and at FGC's Jun 20-21, 2018 meeting he provided an update on those efforts; today he will provide the most recent update. Details about invasive nutria are at www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Invasives/Species/Nutria/Infestation.

In addition, DFW's Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) announced a call (see Exhibit 1) for grant applications to acquire habitat for preservation or to improve habitat quality and ecosystem function. More than \$735,000 is available and applications are due Nov 16, 2018.

Significant Public Comments (N/A)**Recommendation (N/A)****Exhibits**

1. [CDFW news release related to grants from the Environmental Enhancement Fund, received Aug 9, 2018](#)

Motion/Direction (N/A)



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News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - August 9, 2018

CDFW Offers More Than \$735,000 in Grants to Enhance or Restore Habitat

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The California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) is seeking grant applications to help fund projects that enhance or restore habitat for wildlife, with available funding totaling more than \$735,000 over the next three years.



Tidestrom's lupine, an endangered plant, at Point Reyes National Seashore
CDFW photo

The grants stem from the multi-agency Environmental Enhancement Fund (EEF), whose selection committee includes representatives from the California Coastal Conservancy, the National Fish and Wildlife Federation and OSPR. The panel may select multiple projects. Previous EEF awards have typically amounted from \$75,000 to \$150,000. Applications with multi-year projects may also apply.

"In the seventh year of the EEF grant program, we have seen successful restoration projects that have positively impacted the ecosystem," said OSPR Environmental Scientist Daniel Orr. "We encourage qualified agencies to submit proposals for a variety of inland and coastal projects."

To qualify, an environmental enhancement project must acquire habitat for preservation or improve habitat quality and ecosystem function. In addition, it must meet all of the following requirements:

- Be located within or immediately adjacent to waters of the state.
- Have measurable outcomes within a pre-determined timeframe.

- Be designed to acquire, restore, or improve habitat or restore ecosystem function, or both, to benefit fish and wildlife.

Funds come from OSPR's EEF, funded by oil spill violations, in accordance with California's [Lempert-Keene-Seastrand Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act](#). Disbursement of the grants is contingent on the availability of funds in the EEF.

Grant applications must be received by 5 p.m. on November 16, 2018. Selected projects will be notified in spring 2019. For more information, please go to the [CDFW website](#).

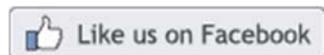
Click [here](#) for b-roll and click [here](#) for photos of the Point Reyes Dunes, a successful environmental enhancement project.

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